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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is respectfully requested that the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record and considered by the Examiner in the above-identified application. Copies of the references were submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement mailed December 17, 1999.

The pertinence of Japanese Patent documents 55-11774 and 63-125794, which were listed in the above-mentioned Information Disclosure Statement, is believed to be apparent from the respective English-language abstracts and drawings attached thereto.

U.S. Patent 4,790,226 is an English-language document corresponding to Japanese Patent documents 62-153482 and 62-153483 that were listed in the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the above-identified application on December 17, 1999. As shown in the Inpadoc electronic search results attached hereto, Japanese Patents 62-153482 and 62-153483 claim priority benefit of Japanese patent applications JP 294696 and JP 294697. U.S. Patent 4,790,226 claims priority of these name Japanese patent applications, namely JP 294696 and JP 294697. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that U.S. Patent 4,790,226 provides the concise explanation of the relevance required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

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